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### Term 1 - 2016

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 7 Vaccinations

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 9 Medieval Day

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Whole School Swimming Carnival at Oak Park Swimming Centre

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Public Transport Victoria Presentation  
Year 7's – Period 1

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Teacher Booking System Open  
Booking Code to be advised

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Teacher Interviews  
VCAL BBQ provided supplement cost for self defence \$2 sausage \$2 drink or \$3.50 for both

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Rosefest Year 9 Carnival 2016

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 7 Orientation Camp

#### 24<sup>th</sup> March

**End of Term Students dismissed at 2.30pm**

#### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Term 2 Starts**

### Late to School

Please continue to contact the Attendance Line directly on **9331 9639** or login to the COMPASS System.

### Vaccination Dates - Year 7's Only

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter marks the halfway mark in Term 1. Teachers are currently preparing Interim reports and parents will be able to access them on line in the near future. Parent teacher interviews are on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and the booking system will open soon.

#### School Council – Parent Member Representatives

The School Council meeting for tonight is the last one for 2015 members. We have three retirees from the Council. They are Pam Wingrave, Andrew Dickie and George Barlas. I would like to thank them, on behalf of the school community, for the role they have played in governing the school. The next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and we will have three new members starting: Jasmin Bradshaw, Sam Galiano and Gwenda Griggs.

#### Bomb Threat Hoaxes

We have been fortunate in not receiving any of the hoax bomb threats that you would have heard about in the media. I am aware that even last week schools were receiving them. In response to the possibility of threats we ran three emergency drills earlier in the year to ensure that all students and staff were up to date with the processes required. All students cooperated in a very mature way during the drills and they are to be commended. The drills involved a class time lockdown, a lunchtime/recess lockdown and an emergency evacuation. All ran smoothly.

#### Anaphylaxis

DET has introduced new guidelines for anaphylaxis management in schools. All staff will undertake a new on-line training course and then they will be tested for competency in using Epipens. It is expected that parents provide up to date pens and plans to the school. We are currently checking student plans and pens and we will be making contact with individual parents in the near future. The transition from primary to secondary school for anaphylactic students and their parents has presented us with some concerns as it seems that primary schools can have different plans. There is a need for us to meet and work through the issues.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*



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## Buses

Students travelling to and from school by bus are reminded that they need to touch on and touch off with their Myki card for each trip. This is an important requirement for all public transport users and will help ensure the services to our school remain in place into the future.

**Frances Snow**  
Assistant Principal

## CSEF - Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund 2016

**Do you hold a Health Care Card or similar concession card valid at 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016?**

If so, you are likely to be eligible for CSEF funding for your child.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply.

\$225 per year is paid to the school to cover the cost of camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to your child for the duration of his/her enrolment at Rosehill.

One uniform package per year (either summer or winter) is also available for each eligible Year 7 student.

Application forms are **available** from the General Office. A copy of the current health care card must also be attached.

Applications should be lodged at the office at your earliest convenience.

**NO applications will be accepted after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

**Kerry McKay**  
Assistant Principal

## Swimming Carnival



This year our annual swimming event will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Oak Park Swimming Centre. Families with CSEF funding are able to use this to pay for the excursion.

**Permission notes must be returned by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Late notes WILL NOT be accepted and money will not be accepted on the day of the excursion. Students cannot attend if payment has not been made.**

Keep your fingers crossed for great weather!

**Mitchell Gaunt**  
Sports Coordinator

## Peer Support 2016

The Peer support program has begun. This program involves Year 11 students mentoring Year 7 students.

- Peer support assists students to gain positive connections at school through respectful relationships.
- Empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to their community.
- Utilizes a whole school approach (RIL) to support positive cultural change.
- Provides students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, understandings, attitudes and strategies to improve their mental, social and emotional wellbeing.
- The Peer Support program focuses on developing communication skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. Develops key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership.
- Provides authentic leadership opportunities for Peer Leaders.
- Peer support improves communication between all sectors of the school community - students, staff and parents/caregivers.



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## STUDENT LEADERS 2016

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### Senior School School Leaders

YEAR	STUDENT
12	Isaac Munoz Captain
12	Stephanie Kirifi Captain
12	Ruby Nunns
12	Jenny Tran
12	Mitchell Jacka
11	Taylor Grech
11	Jack Thynne
11	Ashleigh Teasdale
11	Kurk Bennett
11	Thomas Fletcher
11	Natalie Mullins
11	Zekiel Casboulf
11	Hasan Abdulsattar
10	Hannah Johansson
10	Amy Banner
10	Brooke Sutton
10	Alyssa Burrows
10	Katrina Fiumani
10	James Nguyen
10	Bianca Garfi
10	Isabella Bianchi
10	Jershon Kirifi

## Junior School Students

YEAR	STUDENT
9	Stavroula Panagiotidis
9	Lauren Grech
9	Rhys Marks
9	Makayla Watt
9	Vivian Lieu
9	Kyle DiPastena
9	Perri Robinson
8	Jordyn Thatcher
8	Riley Callick
8	Grace Soonalole
8	Shelby Meyers
8	Tori Clover
8	Audrey Showler
8	Charlea Shilling
8	Ellyn Ryan
8	Flynn Bishop
8	Jack Heeney
7	Nga Bui
7	Kye Short
7	Anna Salazar
7	Jai Pizzinga
7	Elijah de Wit
7	Robert Maberly
7	Emily Baker
7	Anastasia Apostolovska
7	Cooper Witts
7	Kayla Scamarco
7	Shannon Kariyakaranage
7	Abigail Sjolander

### Book Club

Do you like reading?  
Do you enjoy talking about books?

If you do then please come to the library every Friday at lunchtime and get involved with our Book Club. Bring your lunch, everyone is welcome.



### Immunisation



Government policy for immunisation in public schools assumes students will receive all immunisations. If you **DO NOT** agree to having your child immunised you **MUST** notify the college in writing.

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## White Card Training

Students in Year 10 working in the Building and Construction Industry and allied industries e.g. plumbing, electrical etc. for work experience **MUST** do white card training (Construction Industry Training). Students who have indicated they are doing work experience in this industry were given a letter and form in early February to be returned to the school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The cost is \$60.

Please return the form with the money by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March so we can confirm the numbers. Training will be held at school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May (one day's training, but we will be running two sessions). Please contact me if you have any queries.

**Bernadette Young**  
**Work Experience Coordinator**

## Ski/Snowboarding Camp

Applications for Ski Camp School Accommodation is open to all Year 10 and Year 11 Students – Merrijig Ski Club, Mt Buller

Cost – Approximate \$760

Package includes:

- Return Bus transportation
- 2 nights on mountain, fully catered, Accommodation - Linen supplied
- Hire of Ski equipment, lift tickets & 2hr ski lesson each day - Hire of ski clothing (pants & parker)
- All main meals except Breakfast on day one and dinner on return journey
- \$100 NON refundable deposit is required by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016



Please see Ms Jago this week for more information and application forms.

**Laura Jago**

## Worlds Greatest Shave

**Help find a cure for cancer.**

Sonia Sartori of Year 9 is making a grand gesture on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> March when she sacrifices her beautiful locks for a worthy cause. Sonia is taking part in the annual World's Greatest Shave to help raise much needed funds for cancer research.

The Rosehill College community are proud of her efforts and commitment and ask that the school community supports her with any donations they can manage.



Donations can be made directly to Sonia or to Miss Jago (Year 9 Coordinator).

## VCAL STARTSMART INCURSION

VCAL Year 11 students participated in a number of finance workshops called STARTSMART, presented by Jaime Robertson from the Commonwealth Bank. These workshops focused on a number of different financial topics including earning, saving, spending, investing and enterprise.

Jaime delivered the content in an enthusiastic, energetic and easy to understand manner. His examples were based on real life scenarios and his personal experience, thus making the workshops both engaging and relevant for the students.

Targeting common financial issues faced by young people, the workshops covered topics ranging from getting your first job, managing your mobile phone, purchasing a car, setting savings goals and budgeting.

The class was introduced to two mobile apps that will help them with tracking their saving and financial goals: Track My Spend and Track My Goals.

Hopefully students have been inspired to make responsible and discerning personal financial decisions.

**Vicky Handris**  
**VCAL Coordinator**



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**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Business Management (Year 11)  
Biology (Year 11)

**Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Environmental Science (Year 11)  
Health & Human Development (Year 11)  
English  
Japanese (Year 11)  
Physical Education  
Business Management  
Psychology

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Biology  
Physical Education (Year 11)  
Environmental Science (Year 11)  
English (Year 11)  
Health & Human Development  
General Mathematics (Year 11)

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Media  
Italian  
Biology  
Business Management (Year 11)

**Student Accident Insurance**

Parents are reminded that Rosehill Secondary College does not have a whole of school Student Accident Insurance policy. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. However the Department cannot advise parents/guardian on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents/guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

**Footwear Requirements**



**THREE SIMPLE RULES FOR BUYING SCHOOL SHOES**

1. ARE THE SHOES ALL BLACK
2. ARE THE SHOES ALL LEATHER OR SUEDE
3. ARE THE SHOES BELOW THE ANKLE



Chris French is most at ease with a paint brush in hand. The 19-year-old left Rosehill Secondary College in Niddrie in Year 11 to pursue a career as a tradesman and has since found an outlet for his creativity as a painting and decorating student at Melbourne Polytechnic in Epping.

Last week the Craigieburn teenager won the Victorian leg of a national competition that celebrates and encourages students completing apprenticeships for his Japanese-inspired mural of a koi fish. "I love mural work," he said. "I feel comfortable doing this and I enjoy the hands-on skills involved."

He will represent Melbourne in the painting and decorating category of the 2016 WorldSkills Australia National Competition at Melbourne Showgrounds in October.

**Article provided by Editor: Lisa Korycki  
Northern Star Weekly**



**Public Transport of Victoria**

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Transport (VTP) **Student Concession Card** as proof of their concession entitlement. Forms are available at the College General office, online or at a myki-enabled staffed station.

**It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as entitlement to concession travel on public transport.**

More information can be obtained from [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or calling 1800 800 007



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## Wednesday Tuition 2016

Students, parents and teachers are all welcome to attend and participate in the RSC Tuition Program that is now available in the College library every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Tuition commenced on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Due to staff timetabling for 2016, the Tuition Program has been altered from Monday afternoons to Wednesday afternoons for 2016. I am hoping that this alteration does not inconvenience parents and students greatly and that attendance will continue to be as successful as it has always been for 2016.

This enhancement and enrichment program has proven to be very successful in assisting students in completing their homework, classwork and assignment work. The improvement of literacy and numeracy skills has been an important priority for students attending, as well as the development of their study techniques in preparation for class tests and exams.

Teachers from all key-learning areas will be available to cater to students' needs on a weekly basis. This program is easily accessible to students, has no cost incurred and is effective in improving study skills, results and the confidence in students to work independently.

For further information regarding the Wednesday Tuition Program, please contact:  
Ms De Goederen on 9337 2488 or  
email: degoederen.nina.n@edumail.vic.gov.au



### Information for public transport users

Metro have advised Rosehill Secondary College of an upcoming task that Authorised Officers from Metro Trains will be undertaking throughout February and March.

The Authorised officers will be on site at Essendon railway station in the AM peak 6-9am. The focus will be on safety and passengers boarding and alighting trains.

The aim is to reduce incidents where trains are delayed and passengers are put at risk. The safety information we are providing is around the safest ways to travel. We recommend passengers stay behind the yellow line until the train has come to a complete stop, allow other passengers to alight the train before boarding, mind the gap when boarding and in these instances follow the instructions of the Authorised Officers and Metro staff.

For further information please feel free to contact me.

**Shay Miller**

**Community Education Unit | Authorised Officers**

## Japanese Exchange Program 2016

Once again Rosehill is seeking host families for 10 Japanese students (8 female & 2 male) from our sister school, Kogakkan High School. The students will be in Melbourne for 11 days from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for more than 10 years and has been very rewarding for students and families alike. This is a great opportunity to make friends in Japan by participating in class activities and excursions.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the slip below to the general office. If you would like additional information on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Arthur Soumalias**

### Homestay Program

I would like to host a Japanese student from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PETS OWNED: NO ( ) YES ( )

ANY SMOKER IN YOUR FAMILY? NO ( ) YES ( )

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

For those of you grappling with the day to day workings of your child's online world, we have compiled some online resources that will provide you with some valuable information and strategies for dealing with any number of issues that you or your child may be faced with online.

Below you will find a web address link to access important eSafety information. The resources and videos have been collated by the Australia Government as a one-stop-shop for children, parents and educators to access the most up-to-date information about the pitfalls of the online world. We encourage you to view the material and to discuss its importance with your children.

**Australian Government eSafety:** <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources>

Topics covered include:

Cyberbullying

Inappropriate content

Too much time online

Grooming

Online safety

Etc.

We would also like to share two videos with our parents, presented by youth worker and cyber safety advocate Jamie Roberts, who looks at the issues of *online bullying* and *online privacy*. Jamie covers a range of strategies that if applied, can really make a difference in preventing, or quickly resolving any online conflict or bullying that may arise.

Access the videos by visiting- <http://www.schoolwellbeing.com.au/parent-login/>

Enter the following details to watch the video

Username: **rosehill\_parents**

Password: **RHP\_OOP**

We hope you find the links/ videos helpful and we look forward to continuing to work with you in ensuring our students have the knowledge, skills and guidance they need in learning how to use internet connected devices responsibly.

**Cybersmart Behaviours Summary:**

- Model, teach and reinforce respectful online behaviours.
- Encourage initiative and report inappropriate online behaviour.
- Don't respond to bullies. **Stop, Block and Report (screenshot).**
- Discourage too much time online and encourage time out from technology.
- Never share private information online.
- Work with the school- we are here to support you.

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**modern resources that inspire, motivate and educate**

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